



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Minutes of the Law Enforcement Committee**

**Tuesday, September 8, 2015**

**12:30 PM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chairman Moore, Vice Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Arroyo, Butler and Fritchey (5)

**Absent:** Commissioners Goslin and Tobolski (2)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Chairman Moore asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in Accordance with Cook County Code.

1. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen

**15-5209**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 07/29/2015

**This Committee Minutes was deferred until the next meeting.**

**15-4300**

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**TO ANALYZE THE ELECTRONIC DISSEMINATION OF INDECENT VISUAL DEPICTIONS OF MINORS**

**WHEREAS**, technology continues to evolve at the speed of light, and is constantly providing us with new ways to communicate with each other; and

**WHEREAS**, children are becoming exposed to these technologies and other social media sites at earlier ages than ever before; and

**WHEREAS**, the evolving nature of technology and the younger age of its users has made these children more and more susceptible to exploitation by both adults and each other; and

**WHEREAS**, “sexting” is commonly known as the transmittal of sexually explicit messages primarily between mobile phones is prohibited, in some form, throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois’ statute on the matter states that a “minor shall not distribute or disseminate an indecent visual depiction of another minor through the use of a computer or electronic communication device” (705 ILCS 405/3-40(b)); and

**WHEREAS**, the penalty for such an act is a misdemeanor, usually requiring court supervision and counseling; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has a legitimate interest in the protection of the privacy and safety of its minor residents; and

**WHEREAS**, under the ‘home rule authority’ granted to Cook County by the constitution of the State of Illinois, the county may enact a stricter ordinance than exists under the state statute.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners will analyze and review the current Cook County ordinance and state laws regarding the electronic dissemination of indecent depictions of minors.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Butler, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

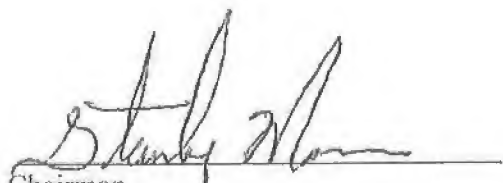
**Aye:** Chairman Moore, Vice Chairman Silvestri, Commissioners Arroyo, Butler and Fritchey (5)

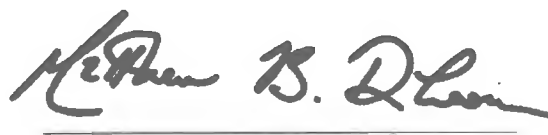
**Absent:** Commissioners Goslin and Tobolski (2)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo to adjourn the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

\*A video recording of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>